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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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MAILING ONLINE SERVICE

Docket No. MC98-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS STIREWALT
TO QUESTION POSED BY PITNEY BOWES
AT THE HEARING ON AUGUST 27, 1998
(September 3, 1998)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Stirewalt to a question posed by Pitney Bowes Inc. at the hearing on August 27, 1998. The question is paraphrased and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

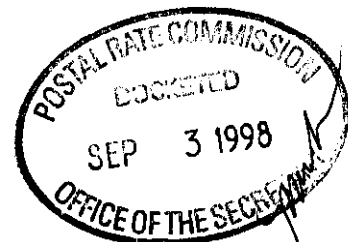
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Response Of United States Postal Service Witness Stirewalt
To Question of Pitney Bowes During Oral Cross-Examination on August 27, 1998

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Question (Tr. 3/789-94):

Counsel for Pitney Bowes requested that the Postal Service provide the information systems costs expended to date to prepare the Mailing Online service within the categories of the original testimony (USPS-LR-1/MC98-1, p.5)

RESPONSE

The following are the total estimated information systems costs to-date of the Mailing Online program, as provided to me by the Postal Service information systems managers responsible for preparing and operating the Mailing Online service, broken down into categories that are comparable to the categories of my original testimony (USPS-LR-1/MC98-1, p.5). Included are costs to prepare and run the Operations Test, in addition to costs to prepare for the Market Test. Because Mailing Online is a component of PostOffice Online, these estimates may not isolate Mailing Online costs perfectly.

Category	Estimated Cost
Technical Help Desk	\$15,000
Telecommunications (Dallas print site and FDMS)	\$39,500
Processing Center & Print Site (Hardware)	\$400,000
Processing Center (Software)	\$75,000
Processing Center (Systems Administration)	\$151,200
Processing Center (Application Support)	\$94,250
Total	\$774,950
Note: All costs for print sites and management and administration are included in the above categories.	

DECLARATION

I, Daniel Stirewalt, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Dated: September 3, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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